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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 16687.33

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:		)
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	Michael Cima, et al.	)
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Serial No.:	10/694,639	) Art Unit
		) 1744
Filed:	October 27, 2003	)
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Confirmation No.:	5317	)
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For:	RAISED SURFACE ASSAY PLATE	)
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Examiner:	William H. Beisner	)
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Customer No.:	022913	)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "B"**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.